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Soviet Baron Information Seen Likely to Boomerang

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Russia's self-imposed information blackout will boomerang, it was forecast today by America's No. 2 intelligence officer.

This will come about through the building up of a fear of the "unknown" throughout the free world and the forcing of preparedness against a foe who "thinks he has everything to hide," Allen W. Dulles, deputy director of the United States Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, declared today.

Addressing today's luncheon session of the 27th New England Conference at the Hotel Statler, Mr. Dulles said that the Soviet blackout policy "creates an apprehension of the unknown" and "tends to force the pace of rearmament" so as to be ready to meet Russia at every point.

"Stalin's state of mind is a more important intelligence item than the location of many Soviet divisions," he said. "The intentions of the Kremlin are fact which, for our purposes, are generally the most important, and, of course, the hardest to ascertain."

Intentions Unknown

Information on intentions, he said, is the CIA's greatest difficulty. "The difficulty lies in the fact that in a system like that of the Kremlin quick changes of policy without public debate are always a possibility. This we learned in 1939 when the Soviet joined hands with Hitler."

Right now, he warned, the game is one-sided—"we proceed in broad daylight; they advance under cover."

Said Mr. Dulles:

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"This is one of the most disturbing features of the international situation. . . . Why is the Soviet going to this vast trouble and expense to keep us ignorant of what they are doing? There policy in this regard is stiffening. The veil of secrecy has been drawn tighter each year since the close of World War II."

West Must Speculate

America can only speculate on the reasons, he said. "It is to try to profit from the element of surprise; to keep up the feeling of tension under which they hope we will break; to get us off on false scents; to keep their own people in ignorance of the outside world; or to hide their own deficiencies?"

Typical questions on which American policymakers would like guidance, he said, are:

1. Does Russia intend to precipitate a general war and under what conditions?
2. If Russia does not resort to direct military action, will they continue to rely on infiltration, subversion, and use of satellite forces?
3. How much hope does Russia place in the collapse of the capitalist system?

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Possibly it is a combination of all these motives, Dulles said, plus traditional Russian secretiveness.

Dulles suggested that Soviet secrecy may boomerang "since, by

creating an apprehension of the unknown, it tends to force the pace of rearmament and lead us to increased inventiveness so as to be ready to meet Russia at every point."

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